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## First eBay, Now ePay

In another online feature, customers of the TCEQ can now use the Internet to pay a number of agency fees.

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A new Internet service called "ePay" now gives TCEQ customers the ability to pay various agency fees by credit card or electronic funds transfer. Using the ePay payment service, customers can make payments 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Examples of fees and services payable through this service include all TCEQ invoiced fees; administrative penalties; self-reporting fees; and 15 noninvoiced fees, including some permit applications, renewals, and amendments.

The system allows credit cards or electronic checks to be used for payments up to \$100. Payments exceeding \$100 can be made only by electronic check.

Of the estimated 82,000 eligible transactions expected in fiscal 2005, the TCEQ anticipates about 20 percent will be paid electronically. In addition to simplifying the payment process, ePay will help save personnel resources and reduce processing costs for the TCEQ.

The Web site at [www.tceq.state.tx.us/epay](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/epay) links to the TexasOnline portal by Bearing Point to provide a secure environment for financial transactions. The TCEQ does not store banking account or credit card information.

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TexasOnline is a convenient way for governmental entities to provide online services and transactions to their customers.

While visiting [www.texasonline.com](http://www.texasonline.com) [Exit...](#), check out the ["Natural Resources" portal](#) [Exit...](#). Clicking on this portal gives Texas residents and businesses a convenient way to locate and select environmental information and services provided by the state. For example, users can report environmental complaints, research agricultural statistics, or obtain data on oil and gas production.

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